

**Samuel Blodget to Thomas Jefferson, April 20, 1792,  
from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited  
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**Blodget to Jefferson [TO THOMAS JEFFERSON]**

*New York 20th April 1792.*

*Sir*

In reply to my letter respecting the Plan of the City of Washington my friend has written vizt  
“Mr Hill fears it will take 2 months to compleat the engraving & estimates the expense at  
about 160 Doll'rs, no time shall be Lost to have it compleated in his best maner.”

—This City wears a very gloomy aspect owing to the late failures, fraudulent conveyances  
are much talked of, & one (suposed from Mr. McComb to his Brother in Canada, for  
upwards of £70 000 in Real Estate,) it is said might be rendered null provided the Bankrupt  
Law now Pending in Committe is passed this Session of Congress. excuse the Liberty I  
have taken to mention this, of which I am at present unable to form an opinion, and believe  
me to be with the most perfect respect your ever devoted humble servant,

S Blodget Jun'r

I return in a few days to Philadelphia & hope the honor of paying you Immediately my  
respects on Business.

[P. 219, U. S. v. SMITH.]